

FCC REPORT

APRIL-JUNE 2011

CRIME & VIOLENCE

4:30AM - 6/2

A STEPPED *UP* POLICE PRESENCE IN ONE OF THE DISTRICT'S MOST POPULAR NEIGHBORHOODS HAS HELPED PUSH CRIME RATES *DOWN.* D-C POLICE BEGAN BEEFING-UP PATROLS IN CHINATOWN AFTER NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS OF CRIME. THERE ARE NOW A DOZEN OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT. D-C POLICE HAVE ALSO TEAMED UP WITH METRO POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICERS TO KEEP CHINATOWN SAFE.

5AM - 4/18

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DEADLY SHOOTING BY ONE OF THEIR OFFICERS. 20-YEAR-OLD CHARLES SMITH DIED SATURDAY.. AFTER BEING SHOT IN UPPER MARLBORO. POLICE SAY IT ALL STARTED WHEN HIS MOTHER CALLED THEM.. BECAUSE HE WAS FIRING HIS GUN INSIDE THEIR HOME ON ANDEAN GOOSE WAY. POLICE SAY SMITH PUNCHED A FEMALE OFFICER.. AND TRIED TO TAKE HER GUN. THEY SAY THAT'S WHEN ANOTHER OFFICER WAS FORCED TO SHOOT HIM.

6AM - 5/5

A MAN IS NOW IN CUSTODY.. IN CONNECTION WITH A 2008 HOME INVASION TRIPLE MURDER. TERRY AND RYAN STROPE WERE STABBED TO DEATH IN THEIR HOME IN SPRINGFIELD, ALONG WITH THEIR FRIEND, ANDY YELICIE {YEL-LEE'-SEE}. POLICE SAY THE ATTACKERS MASQUERADED AS POLICE OFFICERS. ON MONDAY.. POLICE ARRESTED DELANTE COOK OF NEW CARROLLTON. A DETENTION HEARING IS SET FOR TOMORROW.

5PM - 4/19

POLICE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR A JUVENILE WHO ESCAPED FROM A MARYLAND DETENTION CENTER -- AFTER ATTACKING A GUARD.. THE TEEN ESCAPED MONDAY FROM THE NEW BEGINNINGS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN LAUREL. POLICE SAY THE 17-YEAR-OLD TOOK THE GUARD'S KEYS AND USED A LADDER TO ESCAPE... THEN STOLE THE GUARD'S CAR. POLICE FOUND THE CAR, BUT NOT THE TEEN. THE GUARD HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

11PM - 4/24

FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE'RE HEARING FROM THE TRANSGENDER WOMAN WHO WAS VICIOUSLY BEATEN AT A BALTIMORE COUNTY CDONALDS. CHRISTY LEE POLIS SAYS SHE'S SPEAKING OUT IN PART TO PREVENT A SIMILAR ATTACK FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. AN EMPLOYEE AT THE MCDONALDS VIDEOTAPED LAST MONDAY'S ATTACK. THAT VIDEO HAS SINCE GONE VIRAL. POLIS SAYS SHE WAS TRYING TO USE THE LADIES BATHROOM, WHEN TWO TEENAGERS JUMPED HER:

11PM - 6/24

A VIRGINIA STATE TROOPER IS KILLED TONIGHT-- FOLLOWING A COLLISION WITH A CAR IN KING GEORGE COUNTY. THE TROOPER'S PATROL CAR-- COLLIDED WITH THE CAR-- IN THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE THREE AND MADISON DRIVE. THE FORCE OF THE CRASH-- CAUSED THE PATROL CAR TO SPLIT IN HALF. THE OFFICER DIED

AT THE SCENE. TWO PEOPLE INSIDE THE OTHER CAR SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES.
AN INVESTIGATION IS ON-GOING.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5AM - 4/11

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. LAWMAKERS WILL BE FINISHING WORK ON BILLS TO INCREASE THE STATE'S ALCOHOL TAX, ALLOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AND HELP THE STATE'S STRUGGLING HORSE RACING INDUSTRY. THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO APPROVE THOSE BILLS

5AM - 4/12

MAYOR VINCENT GRAY AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PLAN TO DISCUSS THEIR STRATEGY GOING FORWARD IN THEIR BATTLE WITH CONGRESS OVER FINANCIAL AUTONOMY. SOME SAY THIS JUST THE BEGINNING. A-B-C SEVEN CAMERAS WERE THERE WHEN CAPITOL POLICE RELEASED GRAY, SIX D-C COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHER PROTESTERS NOW BEING CALLED "THE D-C 41." POLICE CITED THEM FOR UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY FOR BLOCKING CONSTITUTION AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING. THEY WERE PROTESTING RIDERS ATTACHED TO THE BUDGET COMPROMISE REACHED LATE LAST WEEK. THE MAYOR SAYS THOSE RIDERS MAY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CITY TO SPEND ITS OWN TAX DOLLARS ON THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM OR TO HELP LOW-INCOME WOMEN PAY FOR ABORTIONS. SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY THIS IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

6AM - 4/4

VIRGINIA LAWMAKERS HEAD BACK TO RICHMOND TODAY FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON REDISTRICTING. DELEGATES AND SENATORS WILL DRAW NEW BOUNDARIES FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS. NORTHERN VIRGINIA WILL GAIN MORE SEATS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECAUSE OF A HUGE POPULATION GROWTH SINCE THE 2000 CENSUS.

6AM - 5/10

LOOKING AT THE DAY AHEAD... A PANEL OF FEDERAL JUDGES IN RICHMOND WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS ON VIRGINIA'S LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW. VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN CUCCINELLI CLAIMS CONGRESS EXCEEDED ITS CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY BY REQUIRING PEOPLE TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE. 31-STATES HAVE SUED TO OVERTURN THE LAW.

5PM - 4/5

UPCOMING RETIREMENTS HAVE D-C OFFICIALS CONCERNED ABOUT POLICE STAFFING. POLICE CHIEF CATHY LANIER IS CONCERNED ABOUT VETERAN OFFICERS RETIRING AND NOT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY TO RECRUIT NEW OFFICERS. THOSE CONCERNS PROMPTED COUNCILMAN JACK EVANS TODAY TO INTRODUCE A BILL THAT REQUIRES D-C MAINTAIN AT LEAST FOUR THOUSAND SWORN OFFICERS.

5PM - 4/11

GUNS ARE ALLOWED IN VIRGINIA CHURCHES... THAT'S ACCORDING TO A LEGAL OPINION FROM VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN CUCCINELLI. HE SAYS PEOPLE CAN CARRY GUNS INTO HOUSES OF WORSHIP FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION... BUT HE ADDS THAT CHURCHES - NOT THE STATE - HAVE A RIGHT TO BAN WEAPONS FROM THEIR PROPERTY. CUCCINELLI ISSUED THE RESPONSE AFTER DELEGATE MARK COLE ASKED ABOUT A PROVISION OF THE LAW HE SAID IS AMBIGUOUS.

6PM - 4/6

NEW AT SIX -- MARYLAND EMPLOYERS WILL NOW BE LIMITED WHEN CHECKING A JOB APPLICANT'S CREDIT HISTORY. THAT'S BECAUSE OF A RECENTLY PASSED BILL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE MEASURE REQUIRES EMPLOYERS HAVE A BONA FIDE JOB-RELATED REASON TO REQUEST A POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE'S CREDIT REPORT. GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY IS EXPECTED TO SIGN THE BILL INTO LAW.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

12PM - 4/1

THE U-S NAVAL ACADEMY HAS EXPELLED *ANOTHER* STUDENT -- OVER THE USE OF SYNTHETIC POT. AN ACADEMY SPOKESMAN SAYS THE SCHOOL EXPELLED A SOPHOMORE FEMALE STUDENT ON MONDAY. ALL THE OTHER EXPELLED MIDSHIPMEN HAVE BEEN MALES. IN ALL, 12 STUDENT HAVE BEEN KICKED OUT OF THE ACADEMY IN THE ONGOING PROBE INTO THE USE OF SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA. KNOWN AS SPICE. THE DRUG IS BANNED BY THE PENTAGON AND THE NAVY.

5PM - 4/5

THERE'S NEW SCIENTIFIC PROOF THAT ICE CREAM CAN BE ADDICTIVE IN THE SAME WAY THAT HEROIN IS ADDICTIVE. RESEARCHERS AT YALE UNIVERSITY USED HIGH-TECH BRAIN SCANS TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT COMFORT FOOD -- LIKE A MILKSHAKE -- HAS ON A BRAIN. THEY FOUND THAT THE MILKSHAKE TRIGGERS THE SAME REWARD AND CRAVING CENTER IN THE BRAIN AS DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

6PM - 4/15

SEVERAL MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED TONIGHT -- FOR ALLEGEDLY BUYING, SELLING, AND SMOKING MARIJUANA ON CAMPUS. IT HAPPENED AT WALKER-GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN FREDERICKSBURG. TWO BOYS AND A GIRL WHO ALLEGEDLY BOUGHT AND SOLD MARIJUANA IN SCHOOL, HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. ALSO, FOUR BOYS, AGES 13 TO 15, WERE SUSPENDED AFTER THEY WERE BUSTED FOR SMOKING POT IN A BATHROOM.

6PM - 6/23

VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND ARE CRACKING DOWN ON DRUNK BOATERS. THIS WEEKEND, AUTHORITIES WILL SET UP CHECKPOINTS FOR BOATERS. IT'S PART OF A CAMPAIGN CALLED "OPERATION DRY WATER. " IT'S ILLEGAL TO OPERATE A BOAT WITH A BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVEL OF "POINT-OH-8" OR HIGHER. NATIONWIDE-- NEARLY 20 PERCENT OF DEADLY BOATING ACCIDENTS ARE ALCOHOL OR DRUG RELATED.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

5AM - 4/1

GRAY HAS BEEN TIGHTLIPPED ABOUT HOW HE PLANS TO CLOSE THE GAP, ASIDE FROM WARNING THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT CUTS. THE BUDGET SHORTFALL WAS INITIALLY THOUGHT TO BE MUCH HIGHER... BUT THE MAYOR SAYS D-C'S REBOUNDED COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND HIGHER THAN EXPECTED TAX REVENUES MEAN THE SHORTFALL IS ABOUT 322-MILLION DOLLARS. THE MAYOR HAS NOT RULED OUT TAX INCREASES.. BUT AT HIS STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS... THE MAYOR SAID HE WOULD KEEP CAMPAIGN PLEDGES... TO LOOK FOR COST SAVINGS - AKA PROGRAM CUTS - BEFORE SEEKING REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS - AKA NEW TAXES. AND ON A RECENT TRIP TO WALL STREET... HE PROMISED NOT TO DIP INTO THE RESERVE OR RAINY DAY FUND TO FILL THE BUDGET GAP.

5PM - 4/21

IN NEWS AROUND THE REGION.... 41 DOGS ARE IN NEED OF HOMES -- AFTER THEY WERE RESCUED FROM A DOGFIGHTING OPERATION IN VIRGINIA. AUTHORITIES FOUND THE DOGS AT A HOME AND IN NEARBY WOODS IN HALIFAX COUNTY. RESCUE OFFICIALS SAY THE DOGS HAVE BITE MARKS AND CUTS -- AND APPEAR MALNOURISHED. FOUR PEOPLE ARE UNDER ARREST - FACING DOG FIGHTING AND DRUG CHARGES. SOME OF THE DOGS ARE STILL PUPPIES. ALL 41 DOGS WILL BE EVALUATED AND REHABILITATED.

5PM - 6/30

VICTIMS OF THE TORNADOES THAT RIPPED THROUGH SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CAN GET LOW-INTEREST LOANS FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL SAYS THE FEDERAL AGENCY APPROVED HIS REQUEST TO MAKE LOANS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES THAT SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE IN THE APRIL TWISTERS. IT COMES AFTER *FEMA* REJECTED VIRGINIA'S REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AID. THE TWISTERS KILLED TEN PEOPLE AND DESTROYED MORE THAN 200 HOMES.

6PM - 5/31

HOME PRICES ARE AT THEIR LOWEST LEVELS NATIONALLY SINCE THE HOUSING BUBBLE BURST IN 2006. THE STANDARD-AND-POOR'S INDEX FOUND PRICES FELL THE MOST BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 18-METRO AREAS. THE DECREASE IS MAINLY DUE TO FORECLOSURES, UNSOLD HOMES, AND CONSUMER RELUCTANCE OR INABILITY TO BUY. HOWEVER, PRICES DID SURGE IN THE D-C METRO AREA.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

6MA - 4/8

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE WITH NEWS ABOUT HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES IN THE U-S. A NEW REPORT SAYS MINORITIES TEND TO SUFFER FROM POORER HEALTH... AND GET POORER HEALTH CARE THAN WHITES. IT ALSO INCLUDES IDEAS TO CLOSE THE GAP... FROM IMPROVING DENTAL CARE FOR POOR CHILDREN TO FINDING PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP THEIR SPANISH-SPEAKING NEIGHBORS FIND TREATMENT.

5PM - 4/25

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5PM - 5/10

IT SEEMS MORE PEOPLE ARE TURNING TO MEDITATION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS TO SOLVE THEIR MEDICAL PROBLEMS. A SURVEY IN THE "ARCHIVES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE" ESTIMATES THREE-PERCENT OF ADULTS SEEK ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER. MILLIONS MORE REQUEST THE TREATMENTS ON THEIR OWN. RESEARCHERS BELIEVE PROVIDERS TREATING SICKER PATIENTS OFFER THESE REFERRALS AS A LAST RESORT WHEN CONVENTIONAL TREATMENTS FAIL.

5PM - 6/15

DESPITE A STEADY DECLINE IN NEW CASES.. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAYS THE H-I-V/AIDS CRISIS REMAINS AT "EPIDEMIC" STATUS IN THE DISTRICT. MORE THAN THREE-PERCENT OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS OLDER THAN 12 WERE LIVING WITH H-I-V OR AIDS IN 2009.. THAT'S THE HIGHEST RATE OF ANY CITY IN THE COUNTRY. HEALTH OFFICIALS ENCOURAGE EVERY D-C RESIDENT TO GET AN H-I-V TEST EVERY YEAR.

6PM - 4/18

VIRGINIA'S QUEST FOR A SECOND LOOK AT THE NATION'S HEALTH CARE LAW ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE FOR NOW. THE SUPREME COURT HAS PUT THE REQUEST ON THE BACK BURNER. VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN CUCCINELLI WANTS THE HIGH COURT TO RESOLVE SOME QUESTIONS HE HAS ABOUT THE LAW. BUT IT APPEARS THAT JUSTICES MAY NEED MORE TIME TO LOOK AT THE CASE. THE COURT MEETS AGAIN ON FRIDAY.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

4:30 - 3/25

NEW CENSUS NUMBERS SHOW THE D-C REGION'S DEMOGRAPHICS HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST DECADE. IN THE DISTRICT: THE CITY'S OVERALL POPULATION IS UP FIVE PERCENT TO ABOUT 602-THOUSAND. BUT THE BLACK POPULATION DROPPED 11-PERCENT. THE WHITE POPULATION GREW BY 31 PERCENT. IN THE COMMONWEALTH: THE HISPANIC POPULATION GREW MORE THAN 90-PERCENT. THE ASIAN POPULATION CLIMBED NEARLY 70-PERCENT. BUT THE BIGGEST CHANGE WAS IN MARYLAND... WHERE HISPANIC FIGURES SKYROCKETED 107-PERCENT. THE SUDDEN MINORITY GROWTH COULD MEAN BIG CHANGES IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE POLICY... AS WELL AS HOUSING PRICES.

6AM - 6/15

AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO SPRAY PAINTED SWASTIKAS AND OTHER HATEFUL MESSAGES AT POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. THE MESSAGES WERE FOUND ON WALLS.. AND A BASKETBALL COURT. A UTILITY VEHICLE WAS ALSO TAKEN FROM A LOCKED STORAGE BUILDING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. POLICE SAY THE CRIMES OCCURRED BETWEEN NINE SUNDAY NIGHT AND 5:30 MONDAY MORNING.

12PM - 4/26

A CROWD GATHERED OUTSIDE A MARYLAND MCDONALDS LAST NIGHT.. TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR A TRANSGENDERED WOMAN.. MANY BELIEVE WAS A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME. TWO WOMEN ATTACKED CHRISSY LEE.. AFTER THE TRANSGENDERED WOMAN USED THE WOMAN'S RESTROOM AT THE RESTAURANT IN ROSEDALE.. A MCDONALDS EMPLOYEE WHO RECORDED THE INCIDENT REPORTEDLY LOST HIS JOB.. LEE'S MOTHER ATTENDED LAST NIGHT'S VIGIL..

12PM - 6/29

THE TECH SAVVY HOLY FATHER IS ENTERING THE WORLD OF TWITTER. POPE BENEDICT THE SIXTEENTH SENT OUT HIS FIRST TWEET TO THE WORLD. THE VATICAN RELEASED VIDEO OF THE POPE TYPING OUT THE TWEET ON AN I-PAD. THE PAPAL TWEET PITCHES A NEW VATICAN WEBSITE. IT READS QUOTE "DEAR FRIENDS, I JUST LAUNCHED NEWS-DOT-V-A. PRAISE BE TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WITH MY PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS... BENEDICTUS 16TH."

5PM - 6/21

A HATE CRIME INVESTIGATION IS UNDER WAY IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY. POLICE SAY A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN INSIDE A RED JEEP SHOUTED RACIAL SLURS AT A FAMILY THAT WAS WALKING THROUGH A SHOPPING CENTER IN GAINESVILLE. ONE OF THE MEN IN THE JEEP ALSO WAVED A GUN AT THE FAMILY. POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE.

6PM - 4/22

TODAY CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD ARE MARKING GOOD FRIDAY. IN JERUSALEM -- THOUSANDS OF PILGRIMS RETRACED JESUS' LAST STEPS DOWN THE STREET KNOWN AS THE "WAY OF SUFFERING." THE ROUTE ENDS AT THE ANCIENT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE -- BELIEVED TO BE THE SITE OF THE

CRUCIFIXION, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS TWO DAYS LATER ON EASTERY SUNDAY.

EDUCATION

12PM - 4/6

TEN TEACHERS FROM AROUND THE REGION ARE RECEIVING A SPECIAL *SURPRISE* AWARD TODAY. THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON IS ANNOUNCING IT'S "GOLDEN APPLE AWARD" WINNERS. EDUCATORS FROM MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION. THIS MORNING -- WE WERE THERE AS SISTER JANE ONYENERI {OWN-YEN-AIR-EE} WAS HONORED.. SHE'S A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR AT THE SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL IN NORTHWEST..

5PM - 6/13

THE SO-CALLED "KINGS DOMINION LAW" COULD BECOME A THING OF THE PAST IN VIRGINIA. THE DECADES-OLD LAW PREVENTS SCHOOLS FROM OPENING BEFORE LABOR DAY.. THUS -- KEEPING STUDENTS IN CLASS WELL IN TO JUNE. ACCORDING TO OUR NEWS PARTNERS AT W-T-O-P.. FAIRFAX COUNTY REPUBLICAN JIM LEMUNYAN WANTS TO OVERTURN THE LAW TO GIVE TEACHERS MORE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME BEFORE STANDARDIZED TESTS. MANY FROM THE TOURISM INDUSTRY OPPOSE THE CHANGE. THEY WORRY STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR EARLIER COULD CUT INTO THEIR SUMMER PROFITS.

11PM - 5/18

NEW AT ELEVEN-- THE INVESTIGATION INTO CHEATING IN D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS-- TAKES A NEW TWIST. OFFICIALS TODAY INVALIDATED STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS FROM THREE CLASSROOMS. D-C'S ACTING SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR SAYS ALL THREE INCIDENTS WERE PROVEN CASES OF CHEATING. THE NAMES OF THE SCHOOLS OR CLASSROOMS INVOLVED HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED. THE D.C. INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING AFTER UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBERS OF ERASURES WERE NOTICED ON TESTS FROM TEN CLASSROOMS.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

4:30AM - 5/11

SCHOOL OFFICIALS-- AND THE TEACHERS UNION ARE TALKING ABOUT THE POTENTIAL LAYOFFS OF HUNDREDS OF D-C TEACHERS. MORE THAN 600-TEACHERS AND OTHER D-C PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS NEXT MONTH. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THE POSITIONS ARE BEING CUT BECAUSE OF BUDGET AND SHIFTING ENROLLMENT. BUT THE TEACHER'S UNION PAINTS A DIFFERENT PICTURE.

12PM - 5/17

HUNDREDS OF LOCAL GROCERY STORE EMPLOYEES ARE BRACING FOR LAYOFFS. NEARLY 15-HUNDRED *SUPERFRESH* WORKERS COULD LOSE THEIR JOBS.. AS THE CHAIN REORGANIZES FOLLOWING BANKRUPTCY. THE REORGANIZATION PLAN CALLS FOR SELLING OFF NEARLY ALL SUPERFRESH STORES IN MARYLAND. THE WORKERS WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS UNLESS OTHER SUPERMARKET CHAINS BUY THE LOCATIONS AND KEEP THEIR EMPLOYEES.

6PM - 5/20

IT APPEARS THE JOB MARKET IS ON THE REBOUND. TODAY, THE LABOR DEPARTMENT REPORTED THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DRASTICLY *FELL* IN 39-STATES LAST MONTH. PAYROLLS GREW IN 42 STATES. NATIONWIDE-- BUSINESSES ADDED MORE THAN 250-THOUSAND JOBS PER MONTH. HOWEVER, EIGHT STATES AND THE DISTRICT ACTUALLY *LOST* JOBS IN APRIL.

11PM - 6/5

ALSO NEW TONIGHT-- D-C CHIEF CATHY LANIER IS THE HIGHEST PAID LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN OUR REGION. A NEW REPORT BY THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER SHOWS-- LANIER MAKES 253 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT'S ABOUT 36 THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MANGER, WHO IS SECOND ON THE LIST. IN FACT, LANIER MAKES MORE THAN THE TWO GOVERNORS IN OUR REGION; VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL MAKES 175-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR, WHILE MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY EARNS 150 THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY. PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO DEFEND THE SALARIES SAY-- THEY'RE NECESSARY TO ATTRACT TOP CANDIDATES TO DIFFICULT JOBS.

11PM - 6/5

BACK ON OUR REGION-- SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE TONIGHT-- AS FREDERICK COUNTY GETS A BIG NEW GROCERY STORE. THOUSANDS PACKED THE NEW WEGMANS, WHICH IS LOCATED OFF OF ROUTE 15 AND LIBERTY ROAD. THE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, BASED GROCERY CHAIN NOW HAS THREE STORES IN MARYLAND. IT ALREADY HAS SIX STORES IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. THE NEW STORE ADDS ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED JOBS IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

FAMILY ISSUES

5AM - 4/14

GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES ARE CALLING ON THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO APPROVE NEW REGULATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW GAY COUPLES TO ADOPT CHILDREN. IT COMES AFTER ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN CUCCINELLI TOLD THE BOARD IT DOESN'T HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO PERMIT ADOPTIONS BY SAME-SEX COUPLES.

12PM - 6/29

WANT TO ADOPT A PET IN ARLINGTON? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT. THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ARLINGTON SAYS IT'S THE FIRST HUMANE SOCIETY IN THE D-C REGION TO LAUNCH IT'S OWN I-PHONE APP. THE "ARLINGTON PETS" APP LETS YOU BROWSE PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PETS THAT NEED A HOME. YOU CAN SORT BY DOGS, CATS, AND EVEN BIRDS AND BUNNIES. ONCE YOU'VE FOUND A MATCH, THE APP ALLOWS USERS TO DIRECTLY CALL OR EMAIL THE SHELTER. THE APP IS FREE AND AVAILABLE FOR I-PHONE AND I-PAD USERS.

5PM - 4/21

SERVICE MEMBERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS WILL SOON RECEIVE SOME SPECIALLY-PREPARED GIFTS.. THIS MORNING CHILDREN FROM MILITARY FAMILIES GATHERED AT FORT BELVOIR TO STUFF CARE PACKAGES WITH TOILETRIES, CALLING CARDS AND GAMES. 10-YEAR-OLD ERIN CARLSON WAS THERE WITH HER SOLDIER FATHER..

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5PM - 6/29

A FAIRFAX FAMILY IS ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE AREA TO RECEIVE A MUCH NEEDED "HAND UP" FROM A NEW PROGRAM RUN BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. IT'S CALLED "A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS." IT'S AN EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROGRAM AIMED AT HELPING LOW-INCOME, ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS. TODAY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE OUT FIXING A HOME OWNED BY A SINGLE MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN. HER HOUSE FELL INTO DISREPAIR AFTER SHE HURT HER BACK AND LOST HER FULL-TIME JOB. HABITAT WORKERS EXPECT TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK - INCLUDING REPLACING THE ROOF..WITHIN TWO DAYS.

ELDERLY & AGING

6PM - 6/4

THE LEGAL FIGHT OVER A FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL MAY BE OVER FOR GOOD. VIRGINIA'S SUPREME COURT UPHELD FAIRFAX COUNTY'S DECISION TO CLOSE CLIFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO CLOSE THE AGING SCHOOL LAST JULY CITING DECLINING ENROLLMENT, AND EXPENSIVE RENOVATION NEEDS. UPSET PARENTS CLAIMED THE REPAIRS COULD BE MADE AND THEIR COMMUNITY SCHOOL SHOULD REMAIN OPEN.

11PM - 4/13

A HOUSE FIRE THAT BADLY INJURED FOUR D-C FIREFIGHTERS-- IS RAISING CONCERN ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S AGING FIRETRUCKS. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY THE LADDER TRUCK THAT RESPONDED TO FRIDAY'S FIRE-- WAS THE *THIRD-CHOICE.* THE TRUCK THAT WAS CLOSEST TO THE FIRE WAS OUT OF SERVICE. THE FIREFIGHTER'S UNION SAYS THE REPAIR OF FIRE TRUCKS SHOULD BE MORE OF A PRIORITY. A BIG CONCERN TONIGHT--- THE LADDER TRUCK RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO A FIRE AT THE WHITE HOUSE-- IS *STILL* OUT OF COMMISSION.

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1. 04/15/11 **All New!** Tortured By His Own Family: The Six-Year-Old Chained In A Closet (PG)
2. 05/20/11 **All New!** Oprah's All-Time Favorite Guest Revealed! (PG)

Local Government:

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Substance Abuse:

1. 04/28/11 All New! Exclusive: Rob Lowe Opens Up: The Brat Pack, Love, Sex, Scandal, Sobriety (PG)
2. 6/1/11 **Best of Oprah:** Exclusive: David Arquette: His First Interview Since The Break-Up, The Breakdown & Life After Rehab (OAD 02/24/11) (PG)

Housing & Homelessness:

Health & Health Care:

1. 04/06/11 **Best of Oprah:** Oprah & 300 Staffers Go Vegan: The One-Week Challenge (OAD 02/01/11) (PG)
2. 05/10/11 **All New!** They Lost 100 Pounds! Oprah's Ultimate Weight Loss Finale (PG)
3. 5/30/11 **Best of Oprah:** Losing Weight in the Public Eye with Star Jones, Valerie Bertinelli & Marie Osmond (OAD 4/1/09) (PG)

Racial, Ethnic, Religious & Sexual:

1. 05/04/11 **All New!** Oprah Honors American Heroes: The Freedom Riders Reunite 50 Years Later (PG)
2. 05/09/11 **All New!** First TV Interview: Chaz Bono- Sonny & Cher's Only Daughter Becomes A Man (PG)
3. 05/19/11 **All New!** Oprah's Most Memorable Guests: The Ultimate Reunion (PG)

Employment & Economy:

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1. 04/04/11 **Best of Oprah:** A TV First: Donald Trump & His Five Children (OAD 02/07/11) (PG)
2. 04/07/11 **All New!** The Suburban Mom Who Was A Fugitive for 32 Years (PG)
3. 04/19/11 **All New!** The 61-Year-Old Surrogate Who Gave Birth to Her Own Grandson (PG)
4. 05/03/11 **All New!** Back From Betrayal: Shania Twain's First TV Interview (PG)
5. 05/13/11 **All New!** American Icon Ralph Lauren & His Fascinating Family (PG)

6. 06/07/11 **Best of Oprah:** Exclusive: How Wynonna Judd Survived the Ultimate Betrayal (OAD 9/17/10) (PG)
7. **6/13/11: Best of Oprah:** America's Favorite 80s TV Mom: Meredith Baxter On Broken Marriages, Drinking & Coming Out (OAD 03/02/11) (PG)
8. 6/16/11 **Best of Oprah:** Back from Betrayal: Shania Twain's First TV Interview (OAD 5/3/11) (PG)
9. 6/17/11 **Best of Oprah:** Unconventional, Unforgettable Dads (OAD 4/13/09) (PG)
10. 6/21/11 **Best of Oprah:** How she Lost Her Marriage, Her House, Her Fortune: Iyanla Vanzant, Part 2 (OAD 02/23/11) (PG)
11. 6/22/11 **Best of Oprah:** The Mom Who "Fathered" Her Own Children, Plus The Emmy-Winning Cast Of "Modern Family" (OAD 09/29/10) (PG)

Elderly & Aging:

1. 04/27/11 **All New!** Turn Back The Clock: Look & Feel 20 Years Younger (PG)

WABA 2011 Ascertainment
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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Volunteerism: time, money, blood
- Emergency preparedness

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Retinal Disease

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Non Profit budget cuts
- Need for more volunteers and tutors to accommodate the growing population

WABA 2011 Ascertainment (continued)

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- The 150th anniversary of the Civil War
- Role of African Americans in the Civil War
- Contrary to what is being promoted by the State of Virginia, the Civil wars was not simply about State's Rights it was about slavery

Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Underage Drinking
- Parent Involvement
- Sober Ride 30th Anniversary in 2012
- Funding

WABA 2011 Ascertainment (continued)

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Budget cuts for emergency shelters outside of the hypothermia season
- Mental Health budget cuts
- At-risk youth

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- The Economy and negative effect on communities
- Increase of evictions and repossessions
- Illegal Immigrants

Autism Speaks Nat'l Cap. Area

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Need for Public Awareness
- In 1980 1 in 5,000 were diagnosed in 2011 its 1 in 110
- Early intervention makes a big difference for children under age 6

WABA 2011 Ascertainment (continued)

DC Public Library

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Budget Cuts
- Economic downturn has increased number of visitors using free internet
- Kindle is launching "e book" for public libraries

Epilepsy Foundation

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Budget cuts for non-profits
- Challenges of people living with this disease

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Decrease in corporate public donations
- Public Awareness for Camp Friendship which provides free summer camp for children with cancer and their siblings

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National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Drunk driving Issues
- Commuter Connections
- Single occupant vehicles
- Due to the economy more people are looking to van pool 20% of traffic is comprised of work related trips but work related trips make up 50% of all traffic commutes

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Funding downturn in individual and corporate donations
- Need for more corporate partnerships
- Youth and gang violence
- Teen pregnancy
- Childhood obesity
- Bullying
- Homelessness
- Education

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Friendship Public Charter School

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Education reform

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Issues Underserved by the Media

- Lack of educational benefits for legal but undocumented Immigrant youth